



The newly renovated center offers space for recreational programs.

# SENIOR CENTER

Doors open to newly expanded facility

The Northern Wake Senior Center, 235 E. Holding Ave., is now open after a renovation and expansion project was completed to meet the growing needs of the community.

Funded by the 2014
Wake Forest Bond
Referendum, the center
expansion added new

multi-purpose rooms, a new roof, more parking spaces and an exercise room.

The center offers adults age 55 and older a full schedule of classes and programs, such as zumba, yoga, tai chi, painting, quilting and more. The schedule of programs is posted at **wakeforestnc.gov**, search "senior center."

Programming at the Northern Wake Senior Center is provided by Resources for Seniors, Inc. The organization serves senior and disabled adults in Wake County by providing home- and



community-based services and information, thereby allowing them to maximize their choices for independence, comfort, safety, security and well-being.

The senior center is open Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

№ wakeforestnc.gov, search "senior center," Program Director Jennie Griggs,

Ф 919-554-4111, ⊠ jennieg@rfsnc.org

Good Friday Schedule: Wake Forest Town Hall and all other administrative offices will be closed Friday, April 10, for Good Friday. For a complete list of Town holidays and any changes to Town services, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "holiday schedule."

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## News Highlights

#### Loose leaf collection ends March 13 »

Loose leaf collection service which is offered during the fall and winter months will end Friday, March 13. Beginning Monday, March 16, all leaves must be bagged for collection.

Bags can be clear or opaque but they must be at least 13 gallon—the size of a standard kitchen garbage can liner or larger. Please do not put yard waste in grocery store shopping bags or inside your roll-out carts.

Loose leaf collection resumes Monday, Oct. 5. wakeforestnc.gov, search "yard waste" 919-435-9570

#### Registration underway for National Trails Day 5K & Kids' 1-Mile Fun

Run » The Greenways Advisory Board will host a family-friendly 5K race as part of National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6, at E. Carroll



Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. New this year, the day's festivities will also include a Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run for ages 12 and under.

Online registration for both races is available at **wakeforestnc.gov**, search "National Trails Day." The 5K entry fee is \$25 before April 26; \$30 before May 24; and \$35 through June 6.

"Science in the Summer" registration open for rising 2nd-8th graders » The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department is partnering with GSK and the



UNC Morehead Planetarium & Science Center to offer "Science in the Summer" in July. There is no cost to participate but advance registration is required. The online application is available at wakeforestnc.gov, search "science in the summer." The deadline to register is April 30.



Wake Forest Counts

# Frequently asked questions about the 2020 Census

Once a decade, America comes together to count every resident in the United States. Data from the census provide the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs. They also are used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### Why is it important to me?

Responding to the census is not only your civic duty, it also affects the amount of funding your community receives, how your community plans for the future, and your representation in government.

### When will I complete the census?

Beginning in mid-March, people will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Once you receive it, you can respond online. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census.

How can I respond? In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer. Responding should take less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee.

#### What information will be requested?

The census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. You should count everyone who is living in your household on April 1, 2020.

What information will not be requested? The Census Bureau will never ask for: Social Security numbers, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, anything on behalf of a political party.

Will my information be kept confidential? Strict federal law protects your census responses. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time.

Learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting **2020census.gov**.



Last year's Friday Night on White concert series attracted over 50,000 visitors to downtown Wake Forest.

Town announces band lineup for

# FRIDAY NIGHT ON WHITE



The Town of Wake
Forest is pleased to
announce a powerpacked lineup for
the 2020 Friday
Night on White
(FNOW) concert series.

Bands scheduled to perform this year include The Magic Pipers (April 17); Sleeping Booty (May 8); The Soul

Psychedelique (June 12); Love Tribe (July 10); Big Love (Aug. 14); and Crush (Sept. 11).

FNOW is typically offered along South White Street in downtown Wake Forest from 6–9 p.m. on the second Friday night of each month from April through

September. Due to Good Friday falling this year on the second Friday in April, the 2020 series will get underway on the third Friday (April 17) with The Magic Pipers. The remaining concerts will occur on the second Friday from May through September.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles during FNOW. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and will receive training and a commemorative t-shirt. To sign up,

visit **wakeforestnc.gov**, search "volunteer Wake Forest."

FNOW aligns with Goal 1 of the Town's Strategic Plan: Stimulate Economic Growth.



### Thank you to our 2020 Friday Night on White Sponsors!

Grand Sponsor: White Street Brewing Company. Stage Sponsor: Gladwell Orthodontics. Dance Floor Sponsor: McPherson Family Eye Care. Cooling Station Sponsor: Mitchell Heating & Cooling. Wristband Sponsor: Orangetheory Fitness Wake Forest. Sound & Light Sponsor: ProAudio & Light, Inc. Radio Partner: Foxy 107.1/104.3. Premier Sponsors: Capital PowerSports, Burn Boot Camp, Nulmage Surgical & Dental Implant Center, Wells Family Dental Group, Triangle Family Dentistry, Capital Chevrolet, Fonville Morisey-Jeremy Burns,

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**URBAN FORESTRY** 

## Town-wide tree trimming project has begun

In February, Town crews began trimming all street trees and trees growing on Town-owned or controlled property to ensure adequate street, sidewalk and driveway clearance. Scheduled for completion in 2022, the work will be performed by and under the direct supervision of arborists certified by the International Society of Arboriculture.

The Town of Wake Forest maintains all trees growing on Town-owned or controlled property, including parks, greenways and Town facilities. The Town also maintains all street trees which are located within the public street right of way or within a street

tree easement, measuring eight feet inside private property.

The street rightof-way is typically measured from back of sidewalk, to back of sidewalk (or if there are no sidewalks, property line to property line) perpendicular across the street. Trees planted between the curb and sidewalk, or between the curb and property line, are considered within the public right-of-way. Trees planted in a street tree easement are often planted within the eight-foot zone outside the right-of-way or eight feet within the homeowner's property line.

The Town was granted the street tree easements for the express purpose of tree maintenance and care.

Before beginning tree trimming operations in a Wake Forest neighborhood or subdivision, Town officials will utilize yard signs and Nextdoor, the private social

network for neighborhoods, to notify residents in the area. Urban Forester Luke Devores, ☎ 919-435-9565, ☒ Idevores@

Notice of Upcoming
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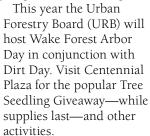
WAKE FOREST DOWNTOWN

# Dirt Day returns for another year of earthy fun

Presented by Wake Forest Downtown, Inc., Wake Forest's seventh annual Dirt Day will take place along South White Street in

downtown Wake Forest on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kids will have a blast planting seeds, painting rocks and exploring trucks from S.T. Wooten Corporation. Adults will have the chance to learn about the newest techniques in gardening and composting, check out the newest in outdoor activity gear, and visit with vendors offering an array of products and insight.



wakeforestnc.gov, search "dirt day"



# Joyner Park Community Center closed for maintenance March 13–29

The Joyner Park Community Center (JPCC) will be closed for several weeks beginning Friday, March 13, so crews can re-stripe and re-finish the gymnasium floor. The walking track and fitness room, along with JPCC administrative offices, are scheduled to reopen Monday, March 30, at 6 a.m., while the gym will reopen Saturday, April 4, at 8 a.m. For more information, contact JPCC Manager Cindi King at 919-435-9557 or cking@wakeforestnc.gov.

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

# Six Sundays in Spring kicks off April 26

Bring a picnic and settle in for some great live music at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. The 2020 Six Sundays in Spring concert series will be held on consecutive Sundays from April 26 through May 31.

Sponsored by ARTS Wake Forest, the free concerts get underway at 5 p.m.

Food truck vendors will be on site during each concert. Visitors to the park are reminded that alcoholic beverages, smoking and unleashed pets are prohibited.

wakeforestnc.gov, search "six sundays"



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

# Hunt for eggs on March 28

Presented by Bumgarner & Martin Orthodontics and Primrose School of Heritage Wake Forest, the 2020 Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. Over 10,000 eggs will be hidden.

Geared for children 12 and younger, the egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. starting with the youngest participants (0-3 years) and will continue at approximately 15-minute intervals for different age groups ending with ages 10-12 at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Following the first round of Easter egg hunts, the Town will host the Eggceptional Egg Hunt at 11:15 a.m. for children with disabilities. Bring a buddy to help if needed.

In the event of rain: The rain date for the Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, March 29, beginning at noon; the Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt will begin at 1:15 p.m.

wakeforestnc.gov, search "easter egg hunt"

#### **RENAISSANCE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS**

### Happy Dan the Magic Man

March 18 & April 15 ■ 11 a.m. Everyone laughs louder when Happy Dan is in the house! Children are quickly drawn into his tale of magical fantasy as they perform various feats of magic and more. The laughter never stops as Happy Dan struggles with his misbehaving props and the children fly to his rescue. *Tickets:* \$5

# The Magnificents Band – Rockin' the Forest

March 27 ■ 7:30 p.m. Rockin' the Forest is a live concert music series featuring some of the top musical acts in the area. The Magnificents Band has a wealth of live playing experience in varied styles of music including classic soul, beach, Motown, Top 40 and dance. The bar will be open for wine, beer and other refreshment purchases. *Tickets*: \$15.



#### **Rondell Sheridan Comedy Show**

March 7 7 7:30 p.m. Sheridan is perhaps best known as the fun-loving dad, Victor Baxter, on Disney's long running series *That's So Raven*. From the *Tonight Show* to several Showtime comedy specials to many, many, many appearances on Comedy Central, Rondell has been called one of the fastest comedy minds in the business. Rated PG17. *Tickets:* \$18.

#### Sons of Mystro

**April 3** ■ **7:30 p.m.** A musical duo who plays over ten different genres of popular music using the violin instead of their voices to express the song's lyrics. *Tickets:* \$12.





Youth can experience STEM hands-on encouraging them to one day pursue a degree or occupation in one of the related fields.

# STEM SATURDAY

Celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

The Wake Forest Technology Advisory Board is inviting area middle and high school students and their parents to "Wake Forest STEM Saturday 2020" on Saturday, March 28. Presented by the Wireless Research Center, this free networking fair is scheduled from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St.

Celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, STEM Saturday will expose students to a variety of STEM career options, while featuring STEM-related exhibits, demonstrations and hands-on learning activities.

Scheduled discussions led by some of our area's top experts and STEM-related career professionals will also be offered.

To view the entire schedule, including session topics and speakers, visit **wakeforestnc.gov** and search "STEM Saturday."

Wake Forest STEM Saturday is free and open to area middle and high school students and their parents. No registration is required, and

walk-ins are welcome.

# Thank you to our 2020 STEM sponsors!

Presenting Sponsor: Wireless Research Center. Partner Sponsors: Ting, Wake Electric, Cricket Wireless, Code Ninjas. Supporting Sponsor: Linchpin SEO.

# Film Festival to spotlight some of today's most promising film makers

Scheduled for March 13–14, the Wake Forest Film Festival spotlights passionate, creative and thought-provoking movies by some of today's most promising and accomplished local, national, and international filmmakers. Held at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, the two-day event features films of all lengths and genres including short, documentary, horror, animation, narrative and student.

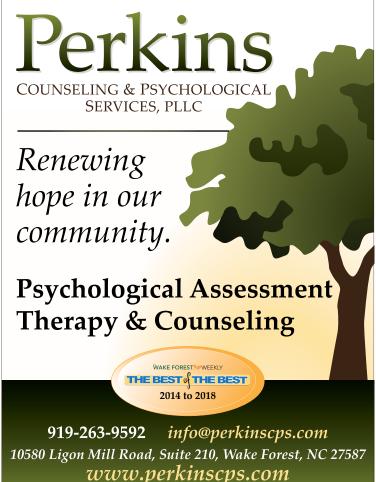
**Workshops:** This year's event will include two free workshops on Saturday, March 14: Women in Film at 9 a.m. and Everything You Need to Know About Scriptwriting in 60 Minutes at 10:30 a.m.

**Content Advisory:** The majority of the Wake Forest Film Festival selections for this year are classified for mature audiences. Some films may not be suitable for children under age 13.

**Tickets:** A variety of passes are available ranging from a single day pass to a film fest package. Students are eligible for a special rate on the film fest package.

Ticket sales, screening schedule, workshop information and film ratings can be viewed at the Renaissance Centre's website.





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#### COMMUNICATIONS

### Explore the Town's video library

The Communications Department offers an online library of videos on a variety of useful topics. The videos are typically broadcast on WFTV 10, but they are also available for on-demand viewing.



Covering topics such as

"Bulk Waste Pickup" and "Discover Wake Forest," the videos are short segments that provide plenty of useful information. Categories of videos include: Special Events, Online Meetings, Wake Forest 411 and more.

Visit the video library by going to wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10 and clicking on the WFTV 10 Videos tab.

№ wakeforestnc.gov, search "wftv 10 videos", Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree, ⊠ bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov, **2** 919-435-9421

#### ADVISORY BOARDS

## Apply now to serve on the 2020-21 Youth in Government Advisory Board

High school students can gain valuable experience by serving on the Youth in Government Advisory Board. Only high school students are eligible to serve on the board which consists of nine and up to fifteen members—five of whom must live in the town limits. The Youth in Government Advisory Board meets on the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Wake Forest Town Hall from August through May.

Applications are available at wakeforestnc.gov, search "advisory boards," and at town hall. Completed applications must be submitted by Thursday, April 30.

€ wakeforestnc.gov, search "advisory boards", Executive Assistant Cathi Pope, ☎ 919-435-9467, ⊠ cpope@wakeforestnc.gov

#### FINANCE

## Town earns 6th consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) recently named the Town of Wake Forest as the recipient of the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its fiscal year 2019-20 annual budget. This marks the sixth consecutive year Wake Forest has earned the GFOA honor.

The award represents a significant achievement by the Town and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. By earning the award, the Finance Department satisfies one of the objectives outlined in Goal 4 of the Town's strategic plan: Enhance Fiscal Strength.

wakeforestnc.gov. search "finance". Chief Financial Officer Aileen Staples, ☎ 919-435-9461, ⊠ astaples@wakeforestnc.gov



**COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS** 

# Free paper shredding event set for April 20

The Town of Wake Forest is hosting its fifth annual paper-shred-ding event on Monday, April 20. Free and open to the public, the shredding event will take place in the parking lot of the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St., from noon to 6 p.m.—or until the four paper shredding trucks are full.

The occasion offers area residents and businesses the opportunity to protect themselves from identity theft and dispose of confidential documents in an environmentally responsible manner. There is a limit of four "banker-box" sized boxes or four large bags of paper per household or business and a limit of one trip per household.

wakeforestnc.gov, search "paper shredding"

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

# Memorial flag raising ceremonies resume in April



After a break for the winter months, the Town's memorial flag raising ceremonies will resume Monday, April 6. From April through October, the Town joins with local veterans organizations to pay tribute to the service of deceased Wake Forest veterans. The public is invited to attend the services held on the first Monday of each month at 11 a.m. in Centennial Plaza at Wake Forest Town Hall.

wakeforestnc.gov, search "flag raising"

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

## Top five ways to stay informed

Stay up to date on Town news and connect with the community through these communication tools:

- **App:** Download the Town of Wake Forest app to access information at your fingertips.
- Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: Find (and like!) the Town of Wake Forest on social media.
- **Nextdoor:** Has your neighborhood joined Nextdoor? Connect with us there.
- **E-Notifier:** Subscribe to one or more categories to receive traffic alerts, police advisories, *The Week Ahead* and more.
- **Phone Notifications:** Add your cell phone number to the Town's phone notification system to receive time sensitive messages.
- © wakeforestnc.gov, search "communications", Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree, ☎ 919-435-9421, ☒ bcrabtree@ wakeforestnc.gov

#### PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

### Register now for ball leagues

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department will accept registrations for the **Church Men's Softball League** from March 1-31. Registrations for **Girls Volleyball** (ages 9-16) will be accepted from April 1-30.

Registrations are accepted online at wakeforestnc.recdesk.com.





# Our Town



# Town offers many opportunities to volunteer

The Town of Wake
Forest offers an array of
volunteer opportunities
for people interested in
contributing their time and
talents towards serving the
community.

Service opportunities range from participation in environmental efforts to parks and recreation initiatives to food security efforts. Volunteers are also needed to perform a variety of roles during popular Town events.

Details about all the Town's volunteer opportunities, along with an online volunteer registration form, are provided on the Town's website at wakeforestnc. gov, search "volunteer opportunities."

# Daylight Saving Time begins March 8

Remember to move your clocks forward one hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



If you missed the State of the Town Address, you can watch it on Wake Forest TV 10 throughout March at 8 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m. The address can also be viewed in streaming video on the Town's website at wakeforestnc.gov.

# A few words from the State of the Town Address

"A couple of weeks ago I was at a gathering of some of our volunteers and I shared with them something I read recently about volunteerism. I want to share it this evening because every person who is here is part of that army of volunteers in our community—none of you have ever learned to say "no!"

"This is what I read: Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

"Thank you for wanting to live in a great community and for helping to make our community great!"

- MAYOR VIVIAN JONES



Water quality monitoring is one of the tasks that volunteers can select to do.

# Town recruiting volunteers to

# ADOPT-A-STREAM

The Town of Wake Forest is recruiting Adopt-A-Stream volunteers to help keep the town's streams healthy. The initiative offers residents the opportunity to become involved in an environmental effort that helps protect our natural resources, therefore improving water quality and stream habitats.

Anyone with an interest in healthy streams and the outdoors is invited to participate. To adopt a stream, individuals or groups

agree to perform one of the following tasks on a section of stream for one year: water quality monitoring; stream clean-up; stream repair and planting; or drain labeling.

For complete details, including information about available stream sections, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "adopt a stream" or contact Assistant Public Works Director Allison Snyder at 919-435-9585 or asnyder@wakeforestnc.gov.

# Save these DATES



May 2
Meet in
the Street



May 30 Multicultural Day



June 20 WF Charity Car Show

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Third Tuesday | 7 p.m. Town Hall Board Room

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

First Tuesday | 5:30 p.m . Town Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS First Tuesday | 7:30 p.m. Town Hall Board Room

View meetings:

- live on WFTV 10 and re-broadcast at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting
- live at wakeforestnc.gov, search "wftv 10", and ondemand in streaming video



WFTV 10 is the Town's government access channel available to Spectrum TV subscribers. Watch WFTV 10 live online at wakeforestnc.gov, search "wftv 10".

### STAYING INFORMED

#### **E-NOTIFIER**

Sign up for the Town's free email subscription service at **wakeforestnc.gov** (search for "e-notifier")



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